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ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Unemployment in New Hampshire totalled 12,490 in October, an increase of 60 from September. The statewide unemployment rate for October was 2.1 percent, the third consecutive month at that rate. In comparison, the unemployment rate a year ago was 2.3 percent. The National Unemployment rates were 5.7 percent in October 1987, 5.7 percent in September 1987, and 6.6 percent in October 1986. The number of unemployed nationally, 6,845,000, had declined 12,000 in October 1987 from 6,857,000 in September. Of note is the fact that in September (the latest month for which labor force data by state is available for comparison), New Hampshire recorded the lowest unadjusted unemployment rate in the nation for the twenty-sixth consecutive month.

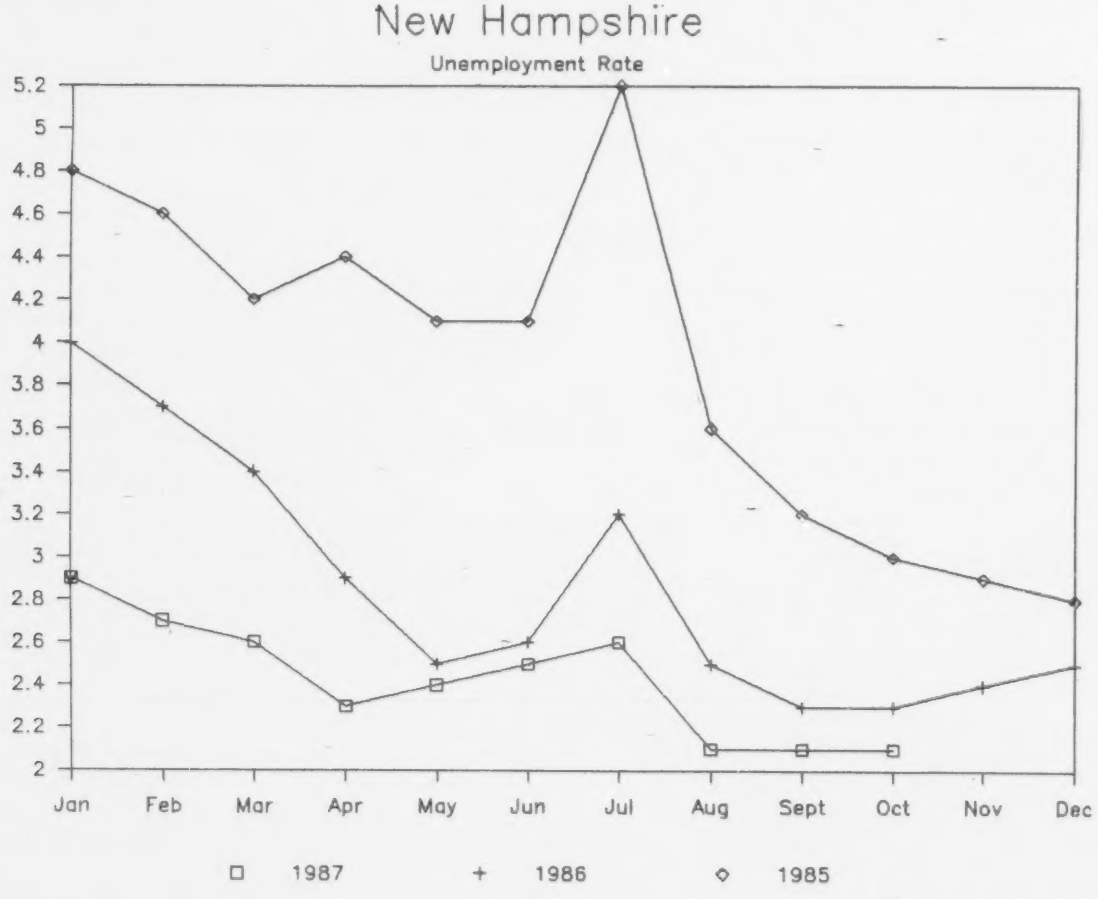
New Hampshire's civilian labor force decreased 2,720 people to a level of 597,860 in October from 600,580 in September, 1987. This decrease was partially a continuation of the seasonal drop in civilian labor force which began in the previous month. The labor force in N.H. has increased 27,850 since the October 1986 level of 570,010.

Sample-based estimates of N.H. Nonagricultural Wage and Salary employment for October show a decrease of 1,000 employees from the September 1987 level at 518,450 to October's level of 517,450 workers. The Durable Goods manufacturing sector provided 1,050 additional jobs from September 1987, while the Nondurable Goods sector showed job losses of 450, especially in Leather and Leather Products. Nonmanufacturing which includes the Construction, Trade, and Services industrial categories posted a decline of 1,600 employees. Slowdowns here are often based upon seasonal conditions rather than economic downturns. Most of the 19,750 increase in Nonagricultural Wage and Salary employment over the past twelve months was in Nonmanufacturing (up 16,650 employees); the Durable Goods manufacturing sector increased 3,800 while the Nondurable Goods sector lost 700 workers.

The October statewide manufacturing average weekly earnings were $390.16, an increase from $381.92 a month ago and $366.68 a year ago. The nondurable goods sector had the highest-paying industrial group, Paper and Allied Products, with $573.43 weekly. This high weekly earnings total results from these employees working the greatest number of hours per week, 51.8 hours, and receiving the second highest average hourly earnings, $11.07. The second highest weekly earnings total in Manufacturing occurs in Food and Kindred Products (also in the Nondurable sector) as a product of 42.2 hours per week and the highest average hourly earnings of $11.69. The lowest average weekly earnings ($204.86) are paid in the Footwear Industry (another Nondurable industry), resulting from the lowest weekly hours amount of 34.9 hours and the lowest average earnings per hour, $5.87. The Nondurable Goods sector averages

to $375.46 per week, 40.9 hours per week, and $9.18 per hour (having declined $0.05 per hour from September 1987). The Durable Goods sector averages $396.48 per week, 41.3 hours per week, and $9.60 an hour (having increased $0.08 an hour from the previous month).

Unemployment data for October is also available for labor market areas. The Berlin area had an unemployment rate of 2.2%, having 570 unemployed. Claremont was tied for the lowest unemployment rate at 1.3% with 510 unemployed. Concord's unemployment rate was 1.6% in October with 870 unemployed. Keene, having 560 unemployed, is the other area with the lowest unemployment rate of 1.3%. Laconia's rate of 1.5% is the second lowest unemployment rate for October; there are 780 unemployed in Laconia. Littleton, with an unemployment rate of 2.1% in October, had an increase of 0.7% since the September rate of 1.4%; there were 390 unemployed in this area. Manchester, with 1,360 unemployed, had a rate of 1.6%, unchanged from the previous month. Nashua has an unemployment rate of 2.3% with 2,290 unemployed. The Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester area including parts of York County, Maine, has a rate of 1.6% with 2,120 unemployed. The Unattached areas, with 630 unemployed, have an unemployment rate of 3.1%. The two areas which are part of Massachusetts Labor Market Areas have the highest N.H. unemployment rates: the N.H. Portion of Lawrence-Haverhill has a rate of 4.7% with 2,350 unemployed (the highest number unemployed), and Pelham (N.H. Portion of Lowell) has the highest unemployment rate, 5.6%, with 300 unemployed.



NEW HAMPSHIRE LABOR FORCE, TOTAL EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT AND NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT AS OF THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH

New Hampshire

Industry	Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous	
	October 1987	September 1987	October 1986	Month	Year
1) CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE*	597,860	600,580	570,010	-2,720	27,850
2) UNEMPLOYMENT	12,490	12,430	12,880	60	390
PERCENT OF LABOR FORCE	2.1	2.1	2.3	xxx	xxx
3) EMPLOYMENT TOTAL	585,370	588,100	557,130	-2,730	28,240
4) PERSONS INVOLVED IN LABOR DISPUTES	0	50	350	-50	-350
NONAGRI. WAGE & SALARY**	517,450	518,450	497,700	-1,000	19,750
MANUFACTURING	120,450	119,850	117,350	600	3,100
Durable Goods	84,750	83,700	80,950	1,050	3,800
Lumber & wood prods.	6,150	6,000	5,900	150	250
Furniture & fixtures	1,650	1,550	1,550	100	100
Stone & clay prods.	3,500	3,450	3,250	50	250
Primary metal prods.	4,750	4,700	4,050	50	700
Fabricated metal prods.	6,850	6,650	6,750	200	100
Machinery (exc. elec.)	25,950	25,800	24,700	150	1,250
Electrical prods.	24,500	24,300	23,550	200	950
Miscellaneous prods.	2,100	2,000	1,950	100	150
Other durables	9,300	9,250	9,250	50	50
Nondurable Goods	35,700	36,150	36,400	-450	-700
Food & kindred prods.	3,150	3,200	3,100	-50	50
Textile mill prods.	3,950	4,000	3,700	-50	250
Apparel	1,950	2,050	2,400	-100	-450
Paper & allied prods.	5,750	5,800	5,450	-50	300
Print., pub. & allied	7,650	7,450	7,500	200	150
Leather & lea. prods.	3,950	4,250	4,500	-300	-550
Other nondurables	9,300	9,400	9,750	-100	-450
NONMANUFACTURING	397,000	398,600	380,350	-1,600	16,650
Construction (inc. mining)	37,750	38,250	35,600	-700	1,950
Transp., comm. & utilities	17,800	17,850	17,400	-50	400
Trade	129,000	129,350	124,850	-350	4,150
Fin., ins. & real estate	31,300	31,300	29,200	0	2,100
Service industry & other	116,700	117,800	110,000	-1,100	6,700
Government	64,650	64,050	63,300	600	1,350
Federal	9,100	8,950	8,400	150	700
State	18,300	17,950	17,150	350	1,150
Local	37,250	37,150	37,750	100	-500

* By place of residence

** By place of establishment

Benchmark:

Labor Disputes: 0

MSA LABOR FORCE, TOTAL EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT, AND NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT AS OF THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH

Industry	Manchester MSA					Nashua PMSA					Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA				
	Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous	
	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1987	Oct. 1986	Month	Year	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1987	Oct. 1986	Month	Year	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1987	Oct. 1986	Month	Year
1. CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE*	86,060	86,770	84,800	-710	1,260	98,040	98,140	92,940	-100	5,100	134,520	135,580	126,530	-1,060	7,990
2. UNEMPLOYMENT	1,360	1,380	1,460	-20	-100	2,290	2,400	2,320	-110	-30	2,120	2,370	2,970	-250	-850
PERCENT OF LABOR FORCE	1.6	1.6	1.7	xxx	xxx	2.3	2.4	2.5	xxx	xxx	1.6	1.7	2.3	xxx	xxx
3. EMPLOYMENT TOTAL	84,700	85,390	83,340	-690	1,360	95,750	95,740	90,620	10	5,130	132,400	133,210	123,560	-810	8,840
4. PERSONS INVOLVED IN LABOR DISPUTES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	350	0	-350
NONAGRI. WAGE & SALARY**	85,200	85,000	85,000	200	200	92,350	91,800	88,050	550	4,300	110,900	111,150	105,200	-250	5,700
MANUFACTURING	12,650	12,700	13,650	-50	-1,000	36,900	36,800	35,400	100	1,500	19,750	19,700	20,150	50	-400
Durable Goods	8,000	8,000	8,200	0	-200	30,800	30,700	29,250	100	1,550	12,300	12,200	12,200	100	100
Machinery & elec. prods.	4,500	4,550	4,750	-50	-250	23,650	23,550	22,300	100	1,350					
Other durables	3,500	3,450	3,450	50	50	7,150	7,150	6,950	0	200					
Nondurable Goods	4,650	4,700	5,450	-50	-800	6,100	6,100	6,150	0	-50	7,450	7,500	7,950	-50	-500
Textile mill prods.	1,250	1,300	1,500	-50	-250										
Other nondurables	3,400	3,400	3,950	0	-550										
NONMANUFACTURING	72,550	72,300	71,350	250	1,200	55,450	55,000	52,650	450	2,800	91,150	91,450	85,050	-300	6,100
Construction (inc, mining)	6,300	6,300	6,250	0	50	5,400	5,350	4,950	50	450	5,350	5,500	5,750	-150	-400
Transp., comm. & utilities	4,950	4,950	4,900	0	50	2,200	2,250	2,150	-50	50	3,100	3,050	2,850	50	250
Trade	22,350	22,050	22,800	300	-450	20,800	20,550	20,100	250	700	31,000	30,600	27,750	400	3,250
Finance, ins. & real est.	8,800	8,700	8,100	100	700	3,700	3,650	3,250	50	450	6,450	6,500	5,800	-50	650
Service industry & other	21,500	21,600	21,400	-100	100	16,700	16,650	16,150	50	550	19,950	21,100	18,450	-1,150	1,500
Government	8,650	8,700	7,900	-50	750	6,650	6,550	6,050	100	600	25,300	24,700	24,450	600	850
Federal	2,950	2,950	2,500	0	450	900	900	750	0	150	10,800	10,750	10,350	50	450
State	850	900	850	-50	0	250	250	250	0	0	5,300	5,050	5,200	250	100
Local	4,850	4,850	4,550	0	300	5,500	5,400	5,050	100	450	9,200	8,900	8,900	300	300

* By place of residence
** By place of establishment

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Labor Disputes:0

Manchester MSA: includes the city of Manchester and the towns of Allenstown, Bedford, Candia, Goffstown, and Hooksett

Nashua MSA: includes the city of Nashua and the towns of Amherst, Brookline, Greenville, Hollis, Litchfield, Londonderry, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, and Wilton

Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester NH-ME MSA: includes the New Hampshire cities of Dover, Portsmouth, Rochester, and Somersworth, the New Hampshire towns of Barrington, Durham, Exeter, Farmington, Greenland, Hampton, Lee, Madbury, Milton, New Castle, Newfields, Newington, Newmarket, North Hampton, Rollingsford, Rye, and Stratham, and the Maine towns of Berwick, Eliot, Kittery, North Berwick, Ogunquit, South Berwick, Wells, and York.

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND LABOR FORCE BY AREA AND COUNTY

Area	Unemployment*						Numerical Change From Previous		Civilian Labor Force			Numerical Change From Previous	
	Oct. 1987 Number	Rate	Sept. 1987 Number	Rate	Oct. 1986 Number	Rate	Month	Year	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1987	Oct. 1986	Month	Year
UNITED STATES**	6,845	5.7	6,857	5.7	7,842	6.6	-12	-997	120,744	119,884	118,699	860	2,045
NEW HAMPSHIRE	12,490	2.1	12,430	2.1	12,880	2.3	60	-390	597,860	600,580	570,010	-2,720	27,850
BERLIN LMA	570	2.2	550	2.1	610	2.4	20	-40	26,490	26,570	25,110	-80	1,380
CLAREMONT LMA	510	1.3	600	1.5	650	1.7	-90	-140	39,990	39,900	38,070	90	1,920
CONCORD LMA	870	1.6	900	1.7	710	1.4	-30	160	54,390	54,350	50,910	40	3,480
KEENE LMA	560	1.3	530	1.3	630	1.6	30	-70	41,900	41,950	39,900	-50	2,000
LACONIA LMA	780	1.5	730	1.4	670	1.3	50	110	52,890	53,940	50,170	-1,050	2,720
LITTLETON LMA	390	2.1	270	1.4	390	2.2	120	0	18,680	18,920	17,550	-240	1,130
MANCHESTER MSA	1,360	1.6	1,380	1.6	1,460	1.7	-20	-100	86,060	86,770	84,800	-710	1,260
NASHUA PMSA	2,290	2.3	2,400	2.4	2,320	2.5	-110	-130	98,040	98,140	92,940	-100	5,100
N.H. PORTION LAWRENCE-HAVERHILL MA. PMSA***	2,350	4.7	2,090	4.2	2,020	4.4	260	330	50,230	50,050	48,520	180	1,710
PORTSMOUTH-DOVER-ROCHESTER N.H.-ME.	2,120	1.6	2,370	1.7	2,970	2.3	-250	-850	134,520	135,580	126,530	-1,060	7,990
UNATTACHED ESTIMATING AREA****	630	3.1	640	3.2	530	2.9	-10	100	20,190	19,930	18,630	260	1,560
N.H. PORTION LOWELL MA. PMSA	300	5.6	220	4.1	220	4.3	80	80	5,400	5,340	5,170	60	230
County													
BELKNAP	440	1.6	400	1.4	350	1.3	40	90	27,570	28,070	26,100	-500	1,470
CARROLL	250	1.4	230	1.2	220	1.3	20	30	18,500	18,650	17,480	-150	1,020
CHESHIRE	510	1.4	480	1.3	590	1.7	30	-80	37,420	37,460	35,650	-40	1,770
COOS	620	3.0	520	2.5	640	3.3	100	-20	20,760	20,810	19,650	-50	1,110
GRAFTON	560	1.4	530	1.3	580	1.5	30	-20	41,120	41,500	38,910	-380	2,210
HILLSBOROUGH	3,900	2.1	3,890	2.1	3,890	2.2	10	10	183,810	184,340	176,890	-530	6,920
MERRIMACK	900	1.5	1,020	1.6	850	1.4	-30	140	64,720	64,930	61,110	-210	3,610
ROCKINGHAM	3,860	3.1	3,720	3.0	3,730	3.1	140	130	124,760	124,980	118,920	-220	5,840
STRAFFORD	1,080	1.8	1,280	2.2	1,590	2.9	-200	-510	58,700	59,350	55,690	-650	3,010
SULLIVAN	280	1.4	360	1.8	440	2.2	-80	-160	20,500	20,490	19,610	10	890

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey (CPS) estimates.

** In thousands, not seasonally adjusted.

*** New Hampshire Portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and twelve small towns.

**** Includes twenty towns previously in either Dover, Portsmouth, Manchester or Nashua LMAS.

AVERAGE EARNINGS AND HOURS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

New Hampshire

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1987	Oct. 1986	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1987	Oct. 1986	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1987	Oct. 1986
All manufacturing	$390.16	$381.92	$366.68	41.2	40.5	41.2	$9.47	$9.43	$8.90
Durable goods	396.48	385.56	378.31	41.3	40.5	41.3	9.60	9.52	9.16
Lumber & wood prods.	317.94	306.75	285.19	39.3	37.5	39.5	8.09	8.18	7.22
Furniture & fixtures	325.63	323.18	270.40	42.4	41.7	38.3	7.68	7.75	7.06
Stone & clay prods.	360.81	368.76	358.23	42.2	42.0	41.8	8.55	8.78	8.57
Primary metal prods.	463.95	471.81	438.42	45.8	46.9	44.6	10.13	10.06	9.83
Fab. metal prods.	409.19	385.81	355.11	43.3	41.0	39.9	9.45	9.41	8.90
Mach. (exc. elec.)	439.12	416.37	403.19	44.0	42.4	43.4	9.98	9.82	9.29
Electrical prods.	385.92	377.42	404.15	38.4	38.2	40.7	10.05	9.88	9.93
Miscellaneous prods.	342.38	336.54	280.80	41.4	39.5	39.0	8.27	8.52	7.20
Other durables	389.60	386.48	373.11	40.0	40.3	40.6	9.74	9.59	9.19
Nondurable goods	375.46	371.97	341.92	40.9	40.3	40.9	9.18	9.23	8.36
Food & kindred prods.	493.32	477.46	389.75	42.2	40.6	41.2	11.69	11.76	9.46
Textile mill prods.	320.35	316.40	319.27	39.5	39.5	42.4	8.11	8.01	7.53
Apparel	249.76	254.14	231.48	37.9	38.8	37.7	6.59	6.55	6.14
Paper & allied prods.	573.43	590.00	477.66	51.8	51.8	48.2	11.07	11.39	9.91
Print., pub. & allied	354.93	370.94	352.28	37.4	38.4	38.5	9.49	9.66	9.15
Leather & lea. prods.	207.31	205.21	212.89	34.9	34.9	35.9	5.94	5.88	5.93
Footwear	204.86	199.50	198.53	34.9	35.0	35.2	5.87	5.70	5.64
Other nondurables	381.10	360.14	351.42	41.2	38.6	41.3	9.25	9.30	8.63

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 39%

Total Production Workers: 82,700

Firms Reporting: 262

Manchester MSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1987	Oct. 1986	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1987	Oct. 1986	Oct. 1987	Sept 1987	Oct. 1986
All manufacturing	$387.60	$387.37	$366.13	40.0	40.1	41.0	$9.69	$9.66	$8.93
Durable goods	399.45	397.77	386.11	39.2	39.5	40.6	10.19	10.07	9.51
Mach. & elec. prods.	405.72	401.92	388.54	39.2	39.6	41.6	10.35	10.15	9.34
Other durables	393.00	393.42	382.00	39.3	39.5	39.3	10.00	9.96	9.72
Nondurable goods	365.62	367.43	337.33	41.5	41.1	41.8	8.81	8.94	8.07
Textiles & apparel	306.73	306.12	292.90	40.2	40.6	40.4	7.63	7.54	7.25
Other nondurables	388.92	393.18	354.05	42.0	41.3	42.3	9.26	9.52	8.37

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 53%

Total Production Workers: 9,500

Firms Reporting: 34

Nashua PMSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1987	Oct. 1986	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1987	Oct. 1986	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1987	Oct. 1986
All manufacturing	$503.02	$480.93	$450.11	42.2	41.0	41.6	$11.92	$11.73	$10.82
Durable goods	514.71	486.45	462.84	43.0	41.4	42.0	11.97	11.75	11.02
Mach. & elec. prods.	551.17	513.59	493.79	42.3	40.6	41.6	13.03	12.65	11.87
Other durables	440.45	432.43	391.78	44.4	43.2	43.1	9.92	10.01	9.09
Nondurable goods	452.02	457.45	397.40	38.8	39.3	39.9	11.65	11.64	9.96

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 35%

Total Production Workers: 20,550

Firms Reporting: 45

Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1987	Oct. 1986	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1987	Oct. 1986	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1987	Oct. 1986
All Manufacturing	$372.00	$364.32	$365.81	40.7	39.6	40.6	$9.14	$9.20	$9.01
Durable Goods	399.67	398.97	406.48	40.7	40.3	41.1	9.82	9.90	9.89
Nondurable Goods	328.85	309.54	310.00	40.8	38.5	40.0	8.06	8.04	7.75

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 44%

Total Production Workers: 14,100

Firms Reporting: 35

NOTE: The following narrative and supporting statistical tables are new additions to Economic Conditions in New Hampshire.

NEW HAMPSHIRE LABOR SUPPLY AND DEMAND

This section provides data by local office area, illustrating one dimension of labor supply and demand. Job openings received and active applicants are grouped by occupation, according to Dictionary of Occupational Titles (DOT) codes. Job openings are also listed by industry, while applicants are classified by various personal characteristics. Such data has been compiled and published on a quarterly basis, and inclusion in Economic Conditions allows more timely access to this information for analysis and planning.

Active applicants are those individuals that are currently registered at a local office and are actively seeking employment. In October 1987, there were 6,428 applicants ready for work compared to 8,428 in October 1986. Fewer applicants than the previous year generally would mean more people are working. The State's continued economic growth bears this out even while employment in the "high tech" manufacturing industries has cooled, with employment dropping from 60,600 in 1985 to 58,800 in 1986. The decline was concentrated in the electrical and electronic products group which dropped from 25,600 to 23,600 during that period. Growth in trade and services employment continued during the same period with wholesale and retail trade rising from 111,700 (1985) to 121,400 (1986) and services expanding from 94,600 (1985) to 103,300 (1986). Since 1970 there has been an increasing demand for health care, data processing, engineering and legal services. Trade employment also has grown in response to greater population and greater purchasing power. This growth has kept the unemployment rate very low and has been compounded by a relatively new problem - a shortage of younger workers who would normally fill entry level jobs. The problem is expected to become more acute in the next 10 to 15 years.

Occupational coding of Employment Service registrants (Active Applicants) helps to give some sense of changes or shifts in the local economy. Professional, technical, and managerial applicants top the list of those registered at local offices and looking for work, as they would be some of the individuals affected by changes in the electrical products group between 1985 and 1986. Nashua, Manchester and Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester all recorded declines in employment in these industries. It seems likely that the demand for "high tech" products will continue to increase and that firms in this country and in the northeast will adapt to new conditions between themselves and foreign competitors.

Openings received are job openings listed by employers with the various local DES offices. They represent only a portion of all job openings in any given area, but serve well as a sample of demand for workers in those areas. Services job openings for October were the most numerous, followed by clerical job openings. Manchester had the greatest concentration of services job openings (69 out of 414) and also clerical openings (74 out of 409) with Portsmouth second in clerical openings (61 out of 409). There were just under 400 structural job openings with Portsmouth, Conway, Manchester, and Concord each receiving over 40 in October.

Active applicants outnumber job openings about 3 to 1. Professional, technical and managerial applicants, however, have eight people for every job opening. One reason for this is that businesses are more likely to fill this type of job in-house or through other channels. Comparison on a one to one basis between applicants and job openings is affected by the experience and skill of the applicants, hours, pay, working conditions and other variables, put the data does serve as a good reference point.

ACTIVE APPLICANTS BY OCCUPATION

OCTOBER, 1987

	Prof. Tech. & Mgr.	Clerical	Sales	Services	Farm	Process	Machine Trades	Benchwork	Struc. Work	Motor Freight & Trans.	Packaging & Material Handling	Misc	Total
State	1,326	1,260	358	1,011	55	85	435	488	883	192	298	37	6,428
Berlin	30	64	33	95	4	2	19	19	45	14	15	0	340
Claremont	53	71	10	65	4	6	42	18	42	10	24	2	347
Concord	147	129	20	80	3	17	54	58	121	24	33	6	692
Conway	41	23	10	22	1	2	7	4	27	4	2	2	145
Dover	148	177	42	110	8	24	74	100	145	22	38	3	891
Keene	62	91	33	100	8	5	55	35	63	14	33	6	505
Laconia	80	110	25	55	3	3	38	49	59	18	9	2	451
Lebanon	80	57	22	21	2	0	17	10	30	6	9	2	256
Littleton	31	67	20	103	10	1	22	21	37	15	17	0	344
Manchester	164	173	62	188	7	10	39	54	121	24	55	4	901
Nashua	214	102	36	55	0	4	30	62	38	11	28	4	584
Portsmouth	212	162	26	94	2	9	34	35	139	21	32	5	771
Salem	64	34	19	23	3	2	4	23	16	9	3	1	201

SOURCE: Employment Security Automated Reporting System - Table A96

OPENINGS RECEIVED BY OCCUPATION

OCTOBER, 1987

	Prof. Tech. & Mgr.	Clerical	Sales	Services	Farm	Process	Machine Trades	Benchwork	Struc. Work	Motor Freight & Trans.	Packaging & Material Handling	Misc.	Total
State	162	409	134	414	16	57	201	208	386	104	148	15	2,254
Berlin	3	16	5	11	0	0	37	12	26	0	12	0	122
Claremont	10	20	3	25	0	3	9	7	8	5	14	0	104
Concord	7	49	5	35	0	7	10	26	43	10	9	3	204
Conway	19	14	10	19	1	0	3	1	45	7	2	0	121
Dover	13	24	12	43	0	7	13	44	37	8	5	0	206
Keene	5	17	5	41	1	4	24	15	29	10	19	2	172
Laconia	10	24	7	31	1	3	12	14	36	11	8	0	157
Lebanon	8	27	11	23	4	0	14	6	12	8	21	1	135
Littleton	1	24	7	24	0	8	11	14	23	7	6	3	128
Manchester	15	74	44	69	3	18	20	29	44	18	27	2	363
Nashua	19	34	11	46	4	2	18	16	20	8	13	2	193
Portsmouth	28	61	1	25	2	5	9	9	46	11	6	0	203
Salem	5	17	13	16	0	0	19	15	12	1	6	2	106
All Other	19	8		6			2		5				40

SOURCE: Employment Security Automated Reporting System - Table 10

ACTIVE APPLICANTS BY SEX, AGE, NUMBER OF MINORITIES
AND NUMBER OF VETERANS

OCTOBER, 1987

	Male	Female	Eligible Claimant	Minority	Veterans	Age Group Less Than 45	Age Group 45 And Over	Non-Agr. Open Rec.	Unfilled Total	Open. 30 Days Or More	Total Act. App.
State	3,351	3,087	1,874	179	1,306	5,039	1,389	8,559	2,593	1,428	6,428
Berlin	141	199	77	4	36	262	78	402	158	109	340
Claremont	200	147	54	3	88	261	86	499	132	80	347
Concord	396	296	116	13	168	521	171	688	267	148	692
Conway	84	61	38	3	25	109	36	243	81	24	145
Dover	420	471	329	14	156	710	181	796	198	90	891
Keene	268	247	106	3	92	414	91	883	269	159	505
Laconia	233	218	120	4	82	348	103	584	211	154	451
Lebanon	153	103	45	6	57	212	44	450	145	83	256
Littleton	152	192	65	1	31	274	70	548	96	43	344
Manchester	479	422	314	45	186	714	187	1,109	325	108	901
Nashua	327	257	284	36	128	433	151	894	263	150	584
Portsmouth	393	378	229	38	215	623	148	958	314	209	771
Salem	105	96	97	9	42	158	43	505	134	71	201

SOURCE: Employment Security Automated Reporting System - Table A96

OPENINGS RECEIVED BY INDUSTRY

OCTOBER, 1987

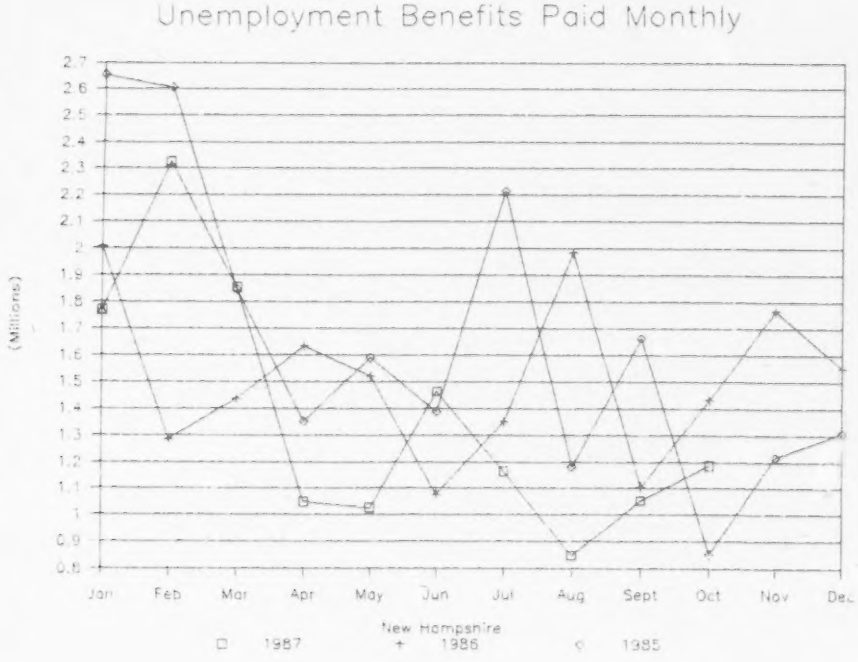
	Agr. For. & Fish.	Construc. & Mining	Manufacturing	Trans., Comm. & Util	Trade	Fin., Ins. & Real Est.	Services	Public Admin.	Government	Total
State	7	339	610	37	541	85	557	78	126	2,254
Berlin	0	24	60	0	11	9	16	2	2	122
Claremont	0	6	44	4	20	4	25	1	4	104
Concord	0	40	51	2	46	7	50	8	9	204
Conway	0	32	8	1	27	4	48	1	0	121
Dover	2	20	77	4	42	3	57	1	23	206
Keene	1	27	46	4	44	12	37	1	1	172
Laconia	0	33	44	2	41	7	29	1	4	157
Lebanon	1	11	24	7	46	6	33	7	7	135
Littleton	0	21	37	4	13	11	36	6	7	128
Manchester	2	62	60	3	107	12	112	5	9	363
Nashua	0	17	62	1	58	7	46	2	2	193
Portsmouth	1	36	53	4	59	1	45	4	17	203
Salem	0	10	44	1	27	2	22	0	1	106
All Other							1	39	40	40

SOURCE: Employment Security Automated Reporting System - Table 10

Weekly Claims Filed During October
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. State Workers (Only)		UC Local Government		Servicemen UCX (Only)		U.C. Federal Employees No UI	
	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All Offices	1,940	5,811	10	6	5	16	6	14	6	13
Berlin	166	372	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	0
Claremont	74	132	0	0	1	7	0	0	0	0
Concord	140	442	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Conway	42	97	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dover	241	748	2	1	1	3	3	1	3	1
Keene	78	184	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Laeonia	153	307	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Lebanon	24	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Littleton	157	153	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0
Manchester	301	872	0	0	0	0	1	7	1	2
Nashua	171	644	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Portsmouth	150	550	1	1	0	0	0	4	0	3
Salem	75	287	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Liable Interstate	168	946	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was $129.10



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance End of Month

$157,240,066.46

Net contributions received during month:

2,518,152.29

Net benefits paid during month:

1,186,895.18

Interest Received:

0

OCTOBER 1986 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX INFORMATION

The October Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.3% to 345.3 from a month ago (344.4); it increased 4.5% from October 1986 (330.5). The CPI-U uses 1967 prices multiplied by the average amount of goods/services consumed by urban residents, indexing this at 100; all future price changes cause the index to be multiplied by the weighted percentage change.

For the U.S. urban consumer, food prices rose less than the overall average for the twelve months since October 1986, but fruits and vegetables rose 7.7%. Both for the previous year and month, the price of food away from home rose more than the cost of food at home.

The shelter component of housing (indexed at 428.6) as well as rising fuel prices (indexed at 452.6) pulled the housing average up over the last 20 years (375.2 housing compared with 345.3 for all items). However, during the previous twelve months, housing-cost increases were less than overall CPI-U increases (3.4% versus 4.5%).

Higher fuel costs also affected the CPI-U through motor fuel prices, which led all other consumer goods and services for price changes since October 1986, with a 19.8% increase. Nonetheless, motor fuel prices had fallen 1.0% from the September 1987 level, and the 20-year index at 315.2 is still well below the overall index of 345.3.

Apparel commodities indexed at 209.9 but posted higher than average gains over the previous year (6.2%) and month (1.9%). Other components of the CPI-U which showed notable increases are medical care services and personal and educational expenses. Medical care services at 507.4 for October 1987, had increased 6.0% since October, 1986, and 0.4% since September 1987. Personal and educational expenses gained 6.4% over the year and 0.5% over the previous month to an index level of 476.2.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) uses 1967 as the base year for indexing as the CPI-U does, but is computed with differing proportions of goods/services consumed. CPI-W includes a larger percentage of income spent on food and beverages and used cars for example, and a lesser percentage spent on housing, medical care, and entertainment than in the CPI-U. The October 1987 CPI-W index, at 340.0, rose 0.3% from a month ago and 4.6% from a year ago. Changes in the CPI-W generally conformed with the direction of the CPI-U changes.

As a closer approximation to conditions in New Hampshire, the CPI-U and CPI-W are available for the Boston area in odd-numbered months. For September 1987, the CPI-U for this area was 347.2, an increase of 5.8% in the previous twelve months. Showing a greater twelve-month change of 6.2%, the CPI-W for Boston for September was 345.5.

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Item	1987	1986	1985	1984
All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)				
Current month-- October	345.3			
Percent change from year ago	4.5			
Year average		328.4	322.2	311.1
Percent increase each year		1.9	3.6	4.3
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)				
Current month-- October	340.0			
Percent change from year ago	4.6			
Year average		323.4	318.5	307.6
Percent increase each year		1.5	3.5	3.4

NEW HAMPSHIRE WAGE SURVEY READIED

The 1987 wage and benefit surveys for New Hampshire are in the final stages of preparation and will soon be available.

The surveys were conducted as a cooperative effort between the Department of Employment Security, the State Occupational Information Coordinating Committee of New Hampshire, the Business and Industry Association, and the Department of Resources and Economic Development. Information on wages, benefits, and employee classifications was voluntarily provided by 990 private firms throughout New Hampshire. This information was then compiled by industry and Labor Market Area. The results will allow companies to compare wages and benefits with similar firms, with other local firms, and with all types of firms throughout the State.

Complimentary copies of survey results will be sent to all participants.

Nonparticipants are able to purchase the survey results. The results are split into two components: 1987 Wages for New Hampshire and 1987 Employee Benefits for New Hampshire. Each part is $50. Special reports, concentrating on a specific industry in a given Labor Market Area, are available for $5.00 each.

Order forms can be obtained by contacting the Reports and Analysis Section of the Department of Employment Security (228-4178 or 228-4129), or by writing:

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